

Season 2007-08 has been increased to Rs. 750 per quintal, which is Rs. 100 more compared to Rs. 650/- per quintal announced in RMS 2006-07.

Alternatively, policy options to procure sufficient quantity of wheat for meeting the requirement of TPDS and welfare schemes in the event of market prices being above the MSP has been envisaged.

Offtake of sugar and other food items

†307. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS? FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details and quantity of sugar and other food items lying unused in the godowns of the country as on date due to non lifting of these items; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The State Government or their nominated agencies are responsible to lift allotted quantity of levy sugar, wheat and rice for distribution in the Public Distribution System. If allotted quantities remains unlifted, the same are re-allotted. Hence, the stocks do not remain unused. However, as per available information, the stock position of sugar (including levy sugar), wheat and rice is as under:

Item	Quantity (in lac tons)	As on
Sugar	43.64	30.09.2006
Wheat	64.42	31.10.2006
Rice	59.70	31.10.2006

New Environment Policy

308. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether New National Environment Policy has been adopted by Government;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.